THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the published figures (provisional) of Directorate.General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Ministry of Commerce, 26.49 lakh MTs of wheat and 21.98 lakh MTs of rice had been exported during the year 2001-02. A quantity of 24.67 lakh MTs of wheat and 25.18 lakh MTs of rice were exported during 2002-03 (upto November, 2002).

(c) Food Corporation of India handles allocation of foodgrains from the Central Pool for export to liquidate stocks over the buffer norms.

Export of foodgrains from other than the Central Pool has no financial implications for the FCI.

(d) Does not arise.

Reduction in foodgrains stock

†225. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foodgrains stock in the country has been reduced to 50 metric tons which is quite low as compared to that of previous two years.

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a huge quantity of foodgrains has been lifted during the current year; and

(d) if so, quantum of foodgrains lifted from Food Corporation of India for domestic consumption during the first ten months of the year 2002-03 as compared to the same period during the previous year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The quantum of foodgrains lifted under all schemes for domestic consumption during first ten months of the year 2002-03 as compared to the same period during the previous year, is as follows:—

(fig. in Lakh tonnes)
(Provisional)

Year	
2002-03 (April, 02 to Jan., 03)	285.97
2001-02 (April, 01 to Jan., 02)	200.60

Procurement of foodgrains

226. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of foodgrains stock with the Food Corporation of India;

(b) the quantum of foodgrains distributed through Public Distribution System in each State during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the quantum of foodgrains and the rate of purchase from the farmers in each State during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that the farmers complain of their agricultural produce being non-remunerative; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard and the measures initiated by Government to compensate the farmers, particularly in the areas affected by natural calamities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) As on 1.1.2003, 193.72 lakh tonnes of rice and 288.30 lakh tonnes of wheat were available in the Central Pool.